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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed September 7, 2005, in connection with the above application. The period for response has been extended to Monday, January 9, 2006, by the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this reply.